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REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are in the case. The claims are made subject to a requirement to restrict. The examiner finds the application contains four independent and distinct inventions. In relevant part the examiner finds, Claims 11-25 (Group II) are drawn to a process for the production of a multifunctional aromatic compound produced by a production host. Class and subclass are not given.

Election of claims is required under 37 CFR 1.143 as well as election of species.

Accordingly Applicants hereby elect Group I encompassing Claims 11-25 without traverse.

Applicant hereby elects the following species corresponding to the options listed in paragraph 5 of the action:

A) Whereby the compound is selected from the group consisting of iii) para-hydroxystyrene;

B) Whereby the extractant is selected from the group consisting of j) diisobutyl DBE-IB;

C) Whereby the medium is 2) biphasic;

D) Whereby the production host is Daa) E. coli

Claims not elected herein are withdrawn as drawn to a non-elected invention.

The above Election of Claims and species does not alter the inventorship of the application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected matter. In making this election Applicants make no representations or admissions regarding the reasoning employed by the Examiner in support of the restriction.

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